

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 028801

14

ORIGIN NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 L-03 SSM-03 OPR-02 AID-05 PER-01 EB-07

/032 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/RA:DTMORRISON/NEA:SSOBER:LAB

APPROVED BY NEA:SSOBER

NEA/EX:JCONNOLLY GC/NE:MGKITAY

NEA/EGY:HFMATTHEWS

NEA/RA:SEPALMER,JR.

L/NEA:JROHWER OPR/LHUNT (SUBS)

SSM/EX:CRBOWERS (SUBS)

SER/MO:STHORNBERG (SUBS)

AA/NE/ME:BRICHARDSON

CDA/FS/NEA:MCGOWAN (DRAFT)

DESIRED DISTRIBUTION

STATE AND AID ONLY

----- 075257

P 052356Z FEB 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 028801

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, APER, SA, EG, US

SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF USG EMPLOYEE VEHICLES: ARAB  
BOYCOTT ISSUE

1. AID AND SINAI SUPPORT MISSION (SSM) ARE BEING ASKED TO  
SHIP TO CAIRO TWO FORD AUTOMOBILES BELONGING TO USG  
EMPLOYEES: 1975 FORD GRENADA BELONGING TO ROBERT BAKLEY,  
SENIOR CAPITAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (EMPLOYEE ETA  
WAS JAN. 28) AND 1975 FORD GRENADA BELONGING TO JACK  
MURPHY, COMPTROLLER FOR SINAI FIELD MISSION (ETA MID-FEB.)

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 028801

FOR USE OF MURPHY DEPENDENTS SAFEHAVENED IN CAIRO. MURPHY

IS AID EMPLOYEE ON REIMBURSABLE DETAIL TO SSM.

2. INFORMAL CONTACT WITH EGYPTIAN EMBASSY HERE INDICATES VEHICLES WOULD NOT BE ADMITTED BECAUSE OF ARAB BOYCOTT OF FORD PRODUCTS.

3. THIS ISSUE OF COURSE HAS SOME IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS, ASIDE FROM ITS ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF GOE REACTION TO U.S. SHIPPING VEHICLES IN QUESTION. HOW WOULD THAT RELATE TO GOE ACTION

ON FORD JOINT VENTURE PROPOSAL (REPORTED IN WALL STREET JOURNAL ON FEBRUARY 4)? HOW COULD TIMING OF SHIPMENT MINIMIZE PROBLEM, GIVEN BROADER CONSIDERATIONS RE BOYCOTT? IN THIS CONNECTION, PROPOSAL FOR SHIPMENT OF THESE TWO VEHICLES HAS COME UP AS ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER; WE HAVE NOT SOUGHT OCCASION FOR A TEST CASE, BUT ISSUE IS ONE NOW FACING US.

4. IF YOU PERCEIVE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS, REQUEST THAT EMBASSY APPROACH GOE TO SEEK AGREEMENT THAT PRIVATELY-OWNED VEHICLES OF U.S. MANUFACTURE BELONGING TO EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO EGYPT (OR TO SSM DUTIES) WILL BE ADMITTED BY GOE NOTWITHSTANDING SECONDARY BOYCOTT. AT YOUR DISCRETION, EMBASSY COULD NOTE THAT GOE HAS MADE AN EXCEPTION TO BOYCOTT WHEN IMPORTING VEHICLES FOR ITS OWN USE; ALSO THAT ARAB BOYCOTT RULES THEMSELVES APPEAR TO MAKE PROVISION FOR ENTRY OF USED PRODUCTS (INCLUDING THOSE MANUFACTURED BY FIRMS THAT MAY BE BOYCOTTED) BELONGING TO MEMBERS OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. EMBASSY COULD ALSO EXPLORE WHETHER INVOICING OF VEHICLES AS GRENADAS WOULD SERVE TO AVOID PROBLEMS OVER ENTRY.

5. OF COURSE WE WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS COMPLICATED ISSUE. KISSINGER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** AUTOMOBILES, PEACE OBSERVATION MISSIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 05 FEB 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** RowellE0  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976STATE028801  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** DTMORRISON/NEA:SSOBER:LAB  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760044-1008  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760277/aaaacpuu.tel  
**Line Count:** 96  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** RowellE0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 07 JUN 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <07 JUN 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <08 OCT 2004 by RowellE0>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** SHIPMENT OF USG EMPLOYEE VEHICLES: ARAB BOYCOTT ISSUE  
**TAGS:** PFOR, APER, SA, EG, US  
**To:** CAIRO  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006